

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 9-49 are pending.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for telephoning the undersigned on July 19, to discuss the present application. Applicant has made the amendments kindly suggest by the Examiner during the telephone conversation.

I. Amendments

Independent Claim 1 was amended to remove the term "block polymer" at line 13 to improve readability. This does not change the claim scope.

Claims 7 and 8 were cancelled and rewritten as new Claims 48 and 49 per the Examiner's request.

II. Information Disclosure Statement of June 2, 2004

Applicant submitted an IDS on June 2, 2004. From discussing this application with the Examiner today, the Examiner informed the undersigned that she does not yet have this June 2, 2004 IDS. Accordingly a copy of the June 2, 2004 IDS is being retransmitted by facsimile concurrently with this Supplemental Amendment. This will include a copy of the Canadian reference listed in the IDS. The Examiner indicated the other references, namely a US patent, a published US patent application, and an unpublished US patent application were available to her electronically so there was no need to resend them by facsimile with the resending of the IDS.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all objections and rejections are overcome. Thus, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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